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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO
SPAIN/USSR

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1. MFA RECENTLY ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF AUSTRIAN
AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN, GERALD HINTEREGGER, AS AMBASSADOR TO
USSR.

2. IN RESPONSE REQUEST REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INR BIO
DATED MAY 1972.

BEGIN TEXT. GERALD HINTEREGGER, 43, HAS SERVED AS CHEF DE
CABINET IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE LATE 1970. PRIOR TO
THAT HE WAS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR FIVE
YEARS. FROM 1962 TO 1965 HE SERVED AS SECRETARY TO BRUNO
KREISKY WHEN THE LATTER WAS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

HINTEREGGER IS A DIPLOMAT WITH AN EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN
LINGUISTICS, PHILOSOPHY AND LAW. HE IS A QUALIFIED INTER-
PRETER IN ENGLISH, RUSSIAN AND SPANISH. HE HOLDS A
DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ AND A
DOCTORATE IN LAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA. HINTEREGGER
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ALSO STUDIED IN FRANCE AND ITALY AND ATTENDED THE UNIVER-
SITY OF MISSISSIPPI (1950-51).

FROM 1959 TO 1962 HINTEREGGER SERVED AS AN ATTACHE AT THE
AUSTRIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. HE RETURNED THERE AS A MEMBER
OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY THAT ACCOMPANIED THEN CHANCELLOR
ALFONS GORBACH ON HIS VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN 1962.

HINTEREGGER IS MARRIED; AS OF 1965 THE COUPLE HAD NO CHILDREN. END TEXT.

3. HINTEREGGER SERVED AS CHEF DE CABINET IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY UNTIL 1974, WHILE THE PRESENT PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIA, DR. RUDOLF KIRSCHLAEGER, WAS FOREIGN MINISTER. HINTEREGGER'S AMBASSADORSHIP IN MADRID SINCE 1975 HAS COINCIDED WITH A VERY ACTIVE PERIOD IN DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND SPAIN IN WHICH HINTEREGGER'S MENTOR, CHANCELLOR KREISKY, HAS ALSO SOUGHT TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF DEMOCRATIC SPAIN INTO EUROPEAN ORGANS AND INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. THIS ACTIVITY CULMINATED IN 1978 IN THE STATE VISIT OF KING CARLOS AND QUEEN SOPHIA TO AUSTRIA. EMBASSY VIENNA ANTICIPATES THAT HINTEREGGER WILL, IN SIMILAR FASHION, BE VERY MUCH KREISKY'S MAN IN MOSCOW. WOLF

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